MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Sir, recruitment of drivers to the Transport Department is effected by the Transport Superintendent after carefully testing the efficiency and experience of the men who have already run buses on the various lines in the State. Evidently those other drivers who were not selected did not come within the selection-standards.

Rate of fare in the State Transport Service.

96. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state the rate of fare per mile in the following routes:

(*a*) Nagercoil to Colachel;
(*b*) Nagercoil to Trivandrum; and
(*c*) Trivandrum to Quilon?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). 8 Cash per mile.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know the actual amount realised by way of fare between Nagercoil and Colachel?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The information is not now available.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER: Do they intend making any reduction for long distances?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: It is a matter of future action and policy.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: What is the fare between Trivandrum and Quilon?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: 14 chuckrams per passenger.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: What is the rate per mile, in the Trivandrum-Quilon line?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Half a chuckram per mile ordinarily; but the service between Trivandrum and Quilon is now being run under special concessional rates; and the fare per passenger is 14 chuckrams, as I have already stated.

Transport Buses.

97. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the maximum and the minimum distance that can be covered by a Transport bus in one day and

(*b*) the actual distance that is being covered by one such bus every day?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Maximum—500 miles.
Minimum—Nil.
(*b*) 160 miles on an average.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ബസ് മാക്സിമം 500 മൈൽ ഓടുന്നു എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞു. പ്രൈവറ്റ് ലൈസൻസു ബസുകാർക്ക് ഇങ്ങനെ ഓടിക്കാനുള്ള സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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